Foreign media entry

*108. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the policy on the question of entry of foreign print media and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) if not, what are the salient points under consideration in this regard and by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The Government still continues to be guided by the Cabinet decision of 1955 with regard to entry of foreign print media which has not been changed or rescinded so far.

Telecast of Horse-Races

*109. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan has decided to introduce live and video telecast of horse-races; and

(b) whether there is any bar, under Censor code or otherwise, on telecasting of events involving betting and gambling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, the Code for Commercial Advertising on Doordarshan only prohibits advertisements concerned with betting tips and guide books etc. relating to horse-racing or games of chance.

Confiscation of planes of private airlines

*110. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seized some aircraft of private airlines due to non-payment of various duties;

(b) whether any compromise formula has been evolved without losing any revenue dues; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Four aircrafts of three private airlines had been dittrained under Rule 14 of the Inland Air Travel Tax Rules, 1989 for non-payment of Inland Air Travel Tax (IATT). In one case the airline concerned has paid the amount due and, therefore, the aircraft has been released. In two cases the full amounts have not been paid and, therefore, the aircraft continue to be distrained. In another case the aircraft was released to the airline on its furnishing an undertaking to pay the amount due in instalments along with interest leviable thereon. No compromise formula has been evolved in respect of any of the distrained aircraft.

ब्रिटेन के बेरिंग बैंक के दिवालिया होने से उत्पन्न संकट

*111. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि ब्रिटेन के बेरिंग बैंक के दिवालिया हो जाने के कारण